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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant acknowledges receipt of a Requirement for Election/Restriction dated 01/13/2003. Applicant responds to the Examiner's concerns as indicated below, and herewith submits this preliminary amendment to the elected claims.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 2-7, 9, 14-17, 19-21, 23-30 and 32.

Please amend Claims 31, 33 and 35 as follows:

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31. A pharmaceutical agent comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a material made according to the process of claims 1, 8, 10-13, 18 or 22, the therapeutic amount of the material selected for efficacy in treating an amyloid disease or a disease related to alpha-synuclein in a patient.

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